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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1 (currently amended) A camera, comprising:
an image display for displaying an ~~at least one of a captured~~
~~image and a reproduced image;~~

a touch panel for determining a pressure applied on a surface
thereof, the touch panel being arranged over the image display; and

a controller for controlling operations of the camera
according to the pressure determined by the touch panel, said
controller performing a first control when the pressure applied on
said touch panel is greater than a first predetermined value, and
performing a second control when the pressure is greater than a
second predetermined value larger than the first predetermined
value.

2. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 1,
wherein the first control is ~~the controller performs~~ an image-
recording preparation, and the second control is ~~in a case that the~~
~~pressure determined by the touch panel is no more than a~~
~~predetermined value, and performs~~ an image-recording ~~in a case that~~
~~the pressure determined by the touch panel is more than the~~
~~predetermined value.~~

3. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein+

the touch panel determines a position of a touched portion on the surface thereof, and

the controller adjusts at least one of a focus and an exposure of the camera with respect to a principal subject corresponding to the position of the touched portion determined by the touch panel.

4. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 13, further comprising: ~~wherein the~~

an image display that displays the changes in a pressure being applied on a surface of the pressure determined by the touch panel.

5. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein+

the image displays a plurality of operation items, and

the touch panel determines a position of a touched portion on the surface thereof, and

the controller performs an operation of one of the plurality of operational items corresponding to the position of the touched portion determined by the touch panel.

6. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 135, wherein:

the parameter is plurality of operational items include zooming, and

the controller changes zooming rate based on the ~~signal according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when~~ performing the zooming.

7. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 135, further comprising ~~wherein:~~

an image display for displaying reproduced images, wherein

the parameter is plurality of operational items include frame forwarding of the reproduced ~~image,~~ images, and

the controller changes frame forwarding speed based on the ~~signal according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when~~ performing the frame forwarding of the reproduced image.

8. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 135, further comprising ~~wherein:~~

an image display for displaying reproduced images, wherein

the parameter is plurality of operational items include screen scrolling on the image display, and

the controller changes screen scrolling speed based on the
~~signal according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when~~
~~performing the screen scrolling on the image display.~~

9. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 135,
further comprising wherein:

an image display for displaying images, wherein

the parameter is plurality of operational items include
luminance adjustments of the image display; and

the controller changes luminance of the image display based on
~~the signal according to the pressure determined by the touch panel~~
~~when performing the luminance adjustment of the image display.~~

10. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 135,
wherein:

the parameter is plurality of operational items include volume
adjustment at audio reproduction, + and

the controller changes the volume at the audio reproduction
based on the signal according to the pressure determined by the
~~touch panel when performing the volume adjustment at the audio~~
~~reproduction.~~

11. (currently amended) A camera, comprising:

a touch panel for determining a pressure applied on a surface thereof; and

a controller for controlling operations of the camera according to the pressure determined by the touch panel, said controller performing a first control when the pressure applied on said touch panel is greater than a first predetermined value, and performing a second control when the pressure is greater than a second predetermined value larger than the first predetermined value.

12. (currently amended) The camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the first control is ~~controller performs an image-recording preparation, and the second control is in a case that the pressure determined by the touch panel is no more than a predetermined value, and performs an image-recording in a case that the pressure determined by the touch panel is more than the predetermined value.~~

13. (new) A camera, comprising:

a touch panel that detects continuous changes in a pressure being applied on a surface thereof and outputting a signal indicative of the continuous changes; and

a controller for continuously varying a speed of change of a parameter based on the signal.

14. (new) The camera as set forth in claim 13, wherein said controller continuously accumulates the signal and varies the speed based on the accumulated signal.